

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-23 are pending in this application. Claims 1-13, 22 and 23 are allowed. Claims 14-20 have been withdrawn from consideration as being drawn to a non-elected invention and are canceled by this amendment. Claim 21 has been rejoined and has been canceled by this amendment. New claims 24-29 have been added.

Allowed Claims

Applicants wish to thank the examiner for indicating that claims 1-13, 22 and 23 are allowable.

Rejection under 35 USC 112

Withdrawn claim 21 is directed to the process of using the now allowed invention and was fully examined for patentability under 37 CFR 1.104. Although claim 21 is rejected as indefinite because it is not clear what process is claimed, claim 21 is free of any art rejections. Accordingly, applicants submit that the subject matter of claim 21 is allowable if the claim is rewritten to particularly point out and claim that subject matter. Claim 21 has been canceled and new claims 24-29 have been added to claim the process of forming a photoresist pattern using the patentable over-coating composition of claim 1. New claims 24-29 have the same scope of composition as the now allowed elected invention and particularly point out and claim the subject matter of claim 21. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that new claims 24-29 avoid the indefiniteness rejection and are in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance and an action to that end is respectfully requested.

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